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## Southend holds its breath over toxic findings

# NEW AIR QUALITY HEALTH FEAR

**EXCLUSIVE**  
**By Charles Thomson**  
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THE NUMBER of Southend residents killed by air pollution every year could be even higher than previously thought, the British Heart Foundation (BHF) has warned.

Deadly compounds found in Southend's air – already linked to heart attacks, respiratory illness and cot deaths – have now been connected to strokes.

Scientists at the University of Edinburgh have found people exposed to toxic PM2.5 particles, spread by car exhaust fumes, are at increased risk of "hospitalisation or death from stroke".

Government body Public Health

England already attributes 5.3 per cent of adult deaths in Southend to PM2.5 exposure. The new finding could push the figure even higher.

BHF said an average of 128 Southend residents die from strokes every year.

Southend Council does not monitor for PM2.5s but does monitor Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2). The two types of pollution are usually found together as they are both caused by cars.

Both are potentially deadly to humans.

NO2 levels at a monitoring station on Prince Avenue were more than 30 per cent higher than the EU legal limit last year.



The number of Southend residents killed by air pollution could be higher than previously thought

## Expert praises YA for its stand on air pollution



PRAISE: Simon Birkett

AIR QUALITY expert Simon Birkett has praised the YA for its ongoing campaign against deadly air pollution.

Mr Birkett, founder of campaign group Clean Air In London, said: "No one has done better than the Yellow Advertiser to bring the risks of invisible air pollution, and the opportunities to tackle it, to local people's attention."

"An excellent mixture of careful

research, deep understanding of the issues and powerful journalism has made the YA a must-read on this important subject.

"It is also the perfect time, with next year being the 60th anniversary of the Clean Air Act, to be highlighting this clean air campaign. I'm sure the YA will continue to lead the way."

The British Lung Foundation has also backed the YA's campaign.

Chief executive Dr Penny Woods

said: "Campaigns such as this one are essential if we are to tackle the issue of air pollution in this country."

"We can all play a part in reducing these potentially lethal admissions by cycling or walking as an alternative to using our cars wherever possible."

"However, if we are to see real, long-term, sustainable improvements, we need to see more consistent and coherent efforts across all governmental departments."

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# First festival where it's nautical but nice

Celebration of town's mighty maritime heritage this summer on seafront

By Paul Giles

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THE first ever maritime festival has been announced for Southend.

The nautical-but-nice event will see a selection of family-themed activities and promotions on the seafront – all for free.

The whole programme by Southend Council is designed to celebrate the maritime heritage of the borough over two fun-filled days in June.

It will include live music, celebrity chefs, wine tasting, try outs at rowing, sand castle and sculpture-making through to history talks and re-enactments.

Graham Longley, councillor for enterprise, tourism and economic development, said he was delighted to have secured funding from the Coastal Communities Fund for the festival.

Cllr Longley said: "I am looking forward to being involved and part of it."

"We have a film festival, folk festival and a jazz festival, so I am very pleased that this year we will also have a maritime festival that will explore our important relationship with the water and our wonderful seafront."

"This will be a wonderful event for all the family with a



FREE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW: Councillor Graham Longley who is supporting the planned maritime festival for Southend in June

Photo by Mark Cleveland

host of activities that will boost the seafront economy and be a great weekend for residents, businesses and visitors alike. I hope that it is well supported and could lead to it becoming a fixture

in the Southend events' calendar."

Visitors to the two day event will also be able to design their own deckchair on Pier Hill while the pier bandstand will be a focal

point for spoken word readings from professional writers and performers.

Sea shanties will be performed and local fisherman will also talk about their ancient art and perilous

trade, with some of their catches on sale for people to taste.

The Southend Maritime Festival will be held on Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7.

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### Watch this space for station helpline

NATIONAL Coastwatch on Canvey Island is looking for people to help raise funds for the construction and general running costs of its new Watch Station.

The group would like to hear from anyone with fundraising or administration experience, who can spare time to join the existing fundraising team.

Call the CAVS Volunteer Centre on 01268 638416 or email [volunteering@castlepointavts.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@castlepointavts.org.uk) for more information.

### Volunteers wanted for trustees' board

ART Ministry, a small charity based in Hadleigh providing weekly low cost arts and crafts sessions to less able children and adults, is looking for volunteers to join its board of trustees.

The charity has been established for over 20 years and trustees will share responsibility for kits overall governance and strategic direction of the charity, helping to ensure it is solvent and well run.

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### Town planners on 'excel' shortlist

ROCHFORD Council's planning policy team is a finalist in the 2015 Planning Excellence run by the Royal Town Planning Institute, among 80 competing in all the award categories.

It has been short-listed for Local Authority Planning Team of the Year and faces opposition from Bath and North East Somerset, Cheshire West and Chester, Dudley Metropolitan, Elmbridge Borough and Peterborough City Councils.

Winners will be announced in London on July 6.

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DRESS up and join Marsh Farm Animal Adventure Park on April 18 and 19 for the unmissable Let it Snow party.

Featuring live performances throughout the day with the beautiful Snow Sisters in the Barn Theatre, as well as storytelling and face-painting, you can also meet characters including The Snowman and The General, follow adventure trails and get messy with arts and crafts.

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milking demonstration, meet the adorable calf Clarabelle and explore the play barn.

If you want something more than tuck into a buffet-style breakfast with pastries, cereals and traditional English breakfast in Tillie's Tea Room on April 18 and 19, and enjoy some fairytale fun with The Snow Sisters who will be greeting and entertaining guests.

If you fancy a day at the races join Marsh Farm Animal Adventure Park on April 11 and 12 for the amazing Grand National-themed weekend. As well as goat racing there will fun Sports Day-style races for children and adults to take part in including an egg-and-spoon race, sack race, pony hoppers, three-legged race and more. For more information about these events visit [www.marshfarm.co.uk](http://www.marshfarm.co.uk)

To win one of 10 family tickets to Marsh Farm Animal Adventure Park, each admitting two adult and two children, for the Let it Snow party, answer this question.

**Q: Who will be performing in the farm's Barn Theatre on April 18 and 19?**

**A: The Icy Sisters**

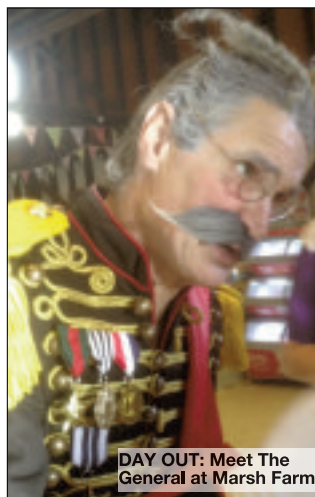
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## NEWS

# Our race for life in grandad's memory

By Pat Higgins

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A STUDENT has persuaded four other family members to join her in a run to help the hospice that cared for her sick grandad.

Colin Orbell, who was 76, died peacefully in Fair Havens Hospice last month after three years of help at various stages of his illness.

Emily Guy, from Hockley, will take part in the 10k London Run in July in memory of her grandad, and to thank the Westcliff hospice.

The sociology student from Newcastle University will be joined by dad Trevor, 49, brothers Kieran, 21 and Connor, 16 and Kieran's partner Tom, 23.

Emily said, "Grandad was first diagnosed with lung cancer in May 2012, he had chemotherapy for a while but decided to stop his treatment."

"He started going to hospice day care in January 2014, and thoroughly enjoyed all of the

## Emily's family steps out for hospice

arts and crafts and social side of going at the centre."

However he was admitted to the in-patient unit in November that year after he was diagnosed with Hypercalcaemia, high cal-

good. All the nurses were so supportive of us, as well.

"At one time there were nine of us visiting grandad, and the nurses kept checking we were all okay and bringing us tea."

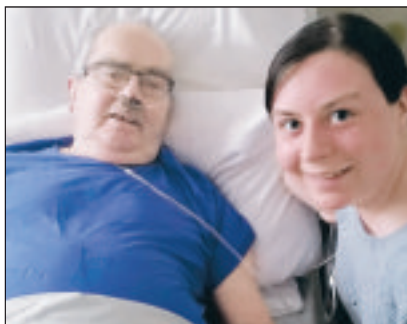
Emily said: "We can't thank the staff enough for the amazing care and support they gave to our grandad and us as a family."

"We wanted to do something to raise money for Fair Havens and I just looked on the website and decided we could all run 10k, luckily my brothers and dad agreed."

Emily and family hope to raise more than £400 in sponsorship.

The British 10k London Run, now in its 15th year, is the UK's largest non-televised mass participation road race.

● To sponsor Emily go to [www.justgiving.com/runningforhavens](http://www.justgiving.com/runningforhavens) or visit [www.havenshospices.org.uk/events](http://www.havenshospices.org.uk/events).



THE TWO OF US: Emily Guy with her grandad Colin Orbell at the Fair Havens Hospice

cium levels in the blood, and it was found the cancer had spread to his bones.

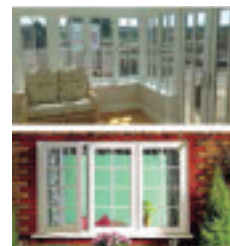
Emily added: "Grandad came home for a while but was re-admitted this February. The care he received until he died was so

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# 'Politics today is like two bald men fighting over a comb . . .'

**Tell me about a change you have noticed most recently as Bishop, and how you are dealing with that?**

You will meet lots of people who say, 'I'm not religious but I am spiritual.' In fact you could say it's quite hard to find an atheist today. Most people are not atheists, but at the same time most people are not members of traditional religious communities either. That's the challenge for the church at Easter.

**How are you addressing that?**

We have run training on how our churches can better connect with their local community. There were 19 events and over 4,000 people in Essex attended.

**Any successes?**

One of the best stories of the past year is at St Paul's Church in Braintree. This church had a new Vicar and she came to the training with her church council. St Paul's decided to put on a service called 'Messy church' – informal for families who are maybe not used to church. On the day 268 children came. It is an astonishing response. In fact, they are overwhelmed. But this isn't just a service for children. With adults the total number is closer to 500.

**Why did it happen?**

The honest answer is I don't know. But I interpret it as a sign. A sign of the hunger in our culture for God, for val-

## 60 MINUTES with BISHOP STEPHEN COTTRELL

With the Christian season of Easter upon us and a General Election fast approaching, Essex's senior cleric, the Right Revd Stephen Cottrell – Bishop of Chelmsford – offers a refreshingly frank and fulsome view of where the Church fits into our lives today, bashing the traditional pillars of society in Marxism, Mrs T and capitalism. He also tells YA news editor STEVE NEALE in a 60-minute interview where the politicians have gone wrong . . .



ues, for meaning in life. Because actually we live in a world where there is a lot of uncertainty. There is an election coming up; but there is also not that much excitement around about what the different parties are offering. We seem to have ended up with a politics where what is being offered is very similar, rather like two bald men fighting over a comb.

**How do you feel about that?**

Although I despair at the cynicism about politics I do believe that most

people still want to live in a society where there is hope, justice and opportunity for all people.

**Was Braintree was an example?**

Ordinary people are saying this: 'What values do I want my children to be brought up with? What sort of world do I want by children to inhabit? How am I going to set the compass for my life?' And suddenly in Braintree the church says, 'We can offer you a different vision about what it is to be human, a different vision about what it is to be a

community.' And suddenly hundreds of people respond. I take this as a sign that when we as a church get it right then people respond. The human heart has a longing for God.

**You say people are looking for more spirituality in their lives. Why do you believe this is happening?**

I think we find ourselves at a point in history where a lot of the certainties in which we have put trust and faith in have broken down. I grew up in a world where the state provided for me. So, for

instance, if there was snow on my front path I thought it was the job of the council to clear it up. I expected that to happen. It was the birth of the welfare state. It was a wonderful vision. That we live in a state and that we are cared for. And I think that without realising it I grew up thinking that the state should do these things. So yeah, there's snow on the path. It's the state's responsibility to clear it up. With the election of Margaret Thatcher in 1979 quite a revolution happened in this country. Now we are told that we are too reliant on the state. If there is snow on your path then you must clear it up or hopefully earn enough money to pay someone to do it for you. Or at least be able to buy a decent shovel; but you shouldn't expect the state to do it for you. But then with the banking crisis of a few years ago we find the same distrust of the state now affecting our trust in the market. And I think actually our trust in the market has gone. And we start seeing that Thatcher's vision 'that if we have a successful market it will trickle down and we'll all benefit' may not be right either. Well, but does anyone really believe that?


**So the big political systems have failed?**

Nothing has worked out like we were told. I'm not saying, 'therefore the market is evil'. I'm just saying it hasn't worked out like we were told. We were told the state would provide; it didn't provide. We were told the market would


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provide; it didn't provide. People need a different vision, and one of the think I'm experiencing is that, in that sense of uncertainty, people are more open to a new narrative; and the church offers that. Our narrative is based upon community. This is what the church offers.

## Is this a view the church openly speaks about?

As the election campaign gets underway the church is saying this quite loudly. How can our vote best serve the common good? So when we place our vote, we shouldn't be saying, 'What will be best for me?', but 'What is best for us?'. We should be asking, 'What sort of world do we want to live in?'. Do we want to live in a world where there's community and neighbourliness or not? And if we do then we've all got to work at these things, and support our politicians whatever their stripe. So on the one hand the death of these big, big narratives which have shaped the last 100-150 years; the big state narrative reaching its epitome with Marxism. The big market narrative, I suppose the USA

is the shining example of that; none of us really believe in those things any more. None of us really think they can deliver. And so in the vacuum that's left, people are interested in anyone that's got something to say that's a bit different. And that's where the church comes in. We're not politicians but we do have a narrative. People are more interested in what we have to say.

## What do people care about most?

I genuinely think most people care most about their family. They care about their place. The physical place they live. They care about their community. These are the things people really care about. And I think our politicians have ignored family. They've ignored place. They've ignored community. These are the things the church is deeply invested in.

## You said the church is speaking about community?

The bishops issued a letter a few weeks ago to the churches. It was saying when you vote you need to bear something in mind. It was encour-

aging people to think about the common good. It's called, 'Who is my Neighbour?'. When you vote, think about your neighbour. Some people accused us of being party political. Actually the leaflet makes it clear that we are not supporting any one party. If we're critical, of course the party in power feels it the most. When the Labour party was in power, we also said things.

## What else is wrong with our political system?

Sadly, often our political discourse lacks any subtlety. Take the renewal of Trident. It's costing mil-

'Politicians have ignored family, place, community. When you vote, think about your neighbour.'

lions of pounds. But it is very hard to have a sensible conversation about it. But there are senior people in the military who are saying, if there is several billion pounds available I think it would be better to spend it on proper body armour, better vehicles and an increased capacity for counter intelligence.

## Is Trident not an important part of defence?

A Trident submarine could be an act of English vanity that we want to be seen as the big boy at the nuclear table along with America. If a determined terrorist gets on the Central Line with a bomb in his backpack, a nuclear missile isn't going to help us.

## What's the plan for next year in Essex?

The overall message is the church in Essex and East London is in good heart. We are optimistic about the future and we are discovering that people are interested in discovering what we are about. Part of this arises out of the sadness and uncertainty in our world

today. The message from the church is that you can't be a human being on your own. Human beings only flourish in community. The most basic community is the family. But it's not just the family, it's your neighbour, it's your colleagues at work. If you think you can flourish on your own, you're actually in for a rather lonely miserable life. Human flourishing is bound up with each other.

## So why has the church lost so many followers?

We have over 600 churches. Go back 30 or 40 years and in every village in Essex there was a church, a pub, a post office and often a little village shop. Everybody thought it would be the church that would be the first to go. The church thought so as well! We were in decline. We were on the back foot. But now you go to a village and there's no post office, no shop, often no pub, but the church is still there. We bucked the trend. We have a presence pretty much everywhere and we're opening new churches.

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The London Ambulance Service celebrated its 50th anniversary on Wednesday with old and new paramedics and vehicles re-uniting.

Differences in lifesaving were shared between staff, with 1960s workers remembering how ambulance drivers took people straight to hospital unlike today's workers who diagnose and treat patients at the scene of incidents.

Chief executive, Dr Fionna Moore, said: "Back in the old days we used to 'scoop and run' patients straight to Response teams in hospital. There was just a stretcher, a splint and breathing apparatus in the back of an ambulance and staff had eight weeks training."

"In contrast, today, we have a wide range of frontline staff, from emergency ambulance

## All good men and women coming to the (first) aid of the 50th birthday party

crew, through to advanced and consultant paramedics.

"Our paramedics carry up to 30 different drugs and make life and death decisions about the most appropriate place to take a patient for treatment. Our ambulances are now kitted out with defibrillators to restart patients' hearts and ECG machines to detect heart attacks."

Dr Moore claimed the UK

dealt with one million emergency calls back in 1965, while last year London handled 1.7million calls alone.

Peter Hayman, 74, who worked for the Service from 1965 to 1994, said: "I remember we introduced an inflatable splint which we thought was revolutionary because all we really had back then was a satchel of bandages and dressings but it's nothing compared to the kit they have on an ambulance today."

On April 1, 1965, nine ambulance services merged to create London Ambulance Service.

Although the service is only 50 years old, there have been ambulances working in the capital for well over 100 years.

In 1965 the service had 2,500 staff, with just six per cent women, compared to 4,500 now (44 per cent women).



**CALLS:** The RSPCA is looking after 600 horses across England.

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**PAST:** Equipment used in the 1960s

## RSPCA: Back winner with a rescue horse

By Matthew Stanton

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A CHARITY has launched an appeal for homes for horses, ponies and donkeys after the number of animals in its care increased to 600.

The RSPCA is looking for residents to help after being forced to rescue hundreds of neglected animals.

In the last three years the RSPCA received 1,157 calls in London and 892 calls in Essex over abandoned and abused horses.

Claudia Corner, RSPCA equine rehoming officer, said: "We have so many beautiful horses and ponies in our care who've had a bad start in life and really deserve the care of a great owner."

"We have rehomed horses who have gone on to win at shows like Equifest, so it shows that you really can be a winner if you take on a rescue horse."

"There is such a variety available, whether you're looking for a young or old horse, a companion or one who can be worked. Many of our horses have suffered terribly so please do think about taking on a res-

cue horse and giving them the second chance they deserve."

The RSPCA claims it is at capacity with the numbers of horses in its care and desperately needs to find homes for them to free up space to take in more neglected and abused animals.

The average boarding cost is £15 per day per horse.

The charity estimates that 4,500 horses are still at risk

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## NEWS



**FIELD TO FORK: Dave Finkle with newborn lambs at Barleylands**  
Photo by Mark Cleveland

# Get down on the farm

FARMERS are opening their gates to the public to give residents a taste of the countryside.

Members of Linking Environment and Farming have organised a Meet a Farmer Day on Sunday, June 7, with hundreds of farms across Essex and east London taking part.

The event offers a way for people to find out more about where their food comes from and talk to the farmers who produce it.

Visitors will be shown how to grow the wheat and oats that go into breakfast cereals and bread and how to look after cattle and hens that produce our milk and eggs.

Workshops include rearing the animals that provide meat for Sunday roasts and sausages.

Other activities include sitting on bales of hay, tractor and trailer rides, sheep shearing, gooseberry and strawberry picking, watching hens' eggs hatch and pond dipping.

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Farms taking part include Barleylands, Billericay; Clavering Place Farm, Clavering; Wickham Fruit Farm, Colchester; and Wilkin and Sons Ltd, Tiptree.

Dave Finkle, farm park manager at Barleylands, said people would need to get a password from the Open Farms website to gain free entry.

He said: "We're delighted to be taking part in Open Farm Sunday again this year.

"As well as free entry for children with a secret password we'll have a special fun trail all about farming and how our food gets from field to fork. It's a great opportunity to educate and engage the next generation."

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GRANT: St Peter's Chapel



# Ancient chapel gets cash lift for roof repairs

1,400-year-old 'jewel in crown' has place in history

By Suzi Muston

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ENGLAND'S reputed oldest place of worship still in use and the "jewel in the crown" of the nation's early Christian roots has been awarded a grant of £38,000 for urgent roof repairs.

St Peter's Chapel – which dates back to 654AD – is the most iconic site on the Dengie Peninsula coast.

Building work began under the orders of St Cedd on his arrival in England.

Chelmsford Cathedral is responsible for the care of the Bradwell-on-Sea chapel.

Cathedral Vice-Dean, Rev Canon Ivor Moody said: "This



- Building dates from 7th century
- Visited by around 1,000 pilgrims each month
- Pilgrimage on first Saturday in July
- In 653 St Cedd,

## FACT FILE

asked to convert Essex pagans to Christianity, modelled church on holy buildings in Egypt and Syria

is fantastic news for a building that's a jewel, both in terms of its place in history and its part in the formation of the Church of England.

"There's a beauty in its isolation on the coast, but the battering of the elements takes its toll. Without these repairs to the roof, the historic masonry could have been lost forever.

"This successful grant appli-

cation is the result of the commitment of the voluntary committee and I'm delighted that the outcome will go towards ensuring the chapel's presence for another 1,500 years."

The chapel is the oldest Romano-British building in the world and Grade I listed.

The simple building, which stands in isolation on the coast, is a place of pilgrimage for

thousands of people each year and used daily as a place of worship. It was formally known as the Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall, Bradwell-on-Sea.

The grant was secured from the Government's Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund to address urgent roof repairs to ensure it is weathertight, safe and open for use.

It is one of 502 grants from a total funding package of £30million announced by the Chancellor George Osborne.

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# Air toxins create health scare



### From front page

Councils which breach EU limits can be forced to pay fines, meaning the taxpayers who suffer as a result of the pollution are made to pay for the council's failure to protect them from it.

Another monitoring station on Victoria Avenue was higher than the legal limit, while a station on London Road hit the legal limit last year.

A monitoring station at Cuckoo Corner was more than 80 per cent higher than the legal limit in 2011, but experts stopped collecting data at the site after that reading was recorded.

Dr Anoop Shah, who worked on the Edinburgh study, said: "One of the key differences between risk of stroke due to air pollution and other risk factors, such as smoking or high blood pressure, is that the whole general population is exposed."

BHF has slammed the Government for failing to tackle illegal pollution levels all over the UK.

Chief executive Simon Gillespie said: "This puts hundreds of thousands of people across the UK at higher but totally avoidable risk of having a stroke. In 2014, the two air quality zones in the East of England were predicted not to meet EU law until 2020 or later. This is unacceptable."

"This new research only compounds what we already know – that air quality is a blight on public health, particularly on heart and circulatory disease. We urge the Government to do all that is possible, as quickly as it can, to protect the population from unnecessary risk of hospitalisation and death from air pollution. Every delay is putting more people at risk."

Southend Council stressed that it was working hard to improve air quality and was aiming to be EU compliant by 2020. See next week's *YA* for more.

BHF has set up a guide to air pollution and its risks, available at [www.bhf.org.uk/airpollution](http://www.bhf.org.uk/airpollution).

● Have you been affected by air pollution? Has your doctor told you to move for the sake of your health? Call the *YA* on 01268 503493, or email [basildon@yellowad.co.uk](mailto:basildon@yellowad.co.uk).



## YA Comment

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• Would it be embarrassing if neighbours saw it without its covers?

- Does it make suspicious noises in the night?
- Did you have your best recent night's sleep in a bed other than yours?
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- Do you and your partner roll towards each unintentionally in the middle of the night?
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Lisa Artis of the Sleep Council says: "Research show buying a new bed can lead to a real improvement in sleep - and if you sleep better you feel much better."

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# Life-saving handout

By Pat Higgins

southend@yellowad.co.uk

ALMOST a thousand life-saving defibrillators have been handed to venues in the east of England in the past three months.

The £800,000 project was launched in January and the delivery of the devices was completed ahead of schedule.

Defibrillators have been handed to village halls, shops,

sports clubs, pubs, tourist attractions, schools, hotels, and libraries by East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EAST) - 195 in Essex, 263 in Norfolk, 180 in Suffolk, 175 in Cambridgeshire, 94 in Hertfordshire and 93 in Bedfordshire.

Trust CEO Anthony Marsh, said: "Ambulance staff aim to arrive at the scene of a cardiac arrest within minutes of the 999 call. However, every second counts and having a

defibrillator on scene can make the difference between life or death.

"This project will undoubtedly save lives over the coming months and years."

A defibrillator can make a crucial difference in the first two or three minutes before an ambulance crew or community first responder reaches a patient who isn't breathing and whose heart has stopped.

Work will continue over the

coming weeks to train first aiders and staff to use the defibrillators at locations that have received one.

The trust launched Their Life, Your Hands campaign to help take the fear out of using a life-saving defibrillator.

For more information and how to get access or to view the video, visit <http://www.eastamb.nhs.uk/get-involved/community-public-access-defibrillators.htm>

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● NATIONAL Coastwatch on Canvey Island is looking for people to help raise funds for the construction and general running costs of its new watch station.

Call the CAVS Volunteer Centre on 01268 638416 or email [volunteering@castlepointavs.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@castlepointavs.org.uk) for more information.

● ART Ministry, a small charity based in Hadleigh providing weekly low cost arts and crafts sessions to less able children and adults, is looking for volunteers to join its board of trustees.

The charity has been established for over 20 years and trustees share responsibility for kits, overall governance and strategic direction. For more information call the CAVS Volunteer Centre on 01268 638416 or email [volunteering@castlepointavs.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@castlepointavs.org.uk).

● ROCHFORD Council's planning policy team is a finalist in the 2015 Planning Excellence run by the Royal Town Planning Institute with winners being announced in London on July 6.

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We have a spacious lounge with a pleasant sitting area and comfy chairs where you can enjoy your favourite TV programme or join us on a cinema afternoon, a good old film and popcorn! We also hold our quizzes and short story sessions here.

The conservatory is where we serve our meals and also where we undertake our craft sessions. Whether we are making Easter bonnets, making cakes, decorating for Christmas or planning a garden party, this is our busy area.

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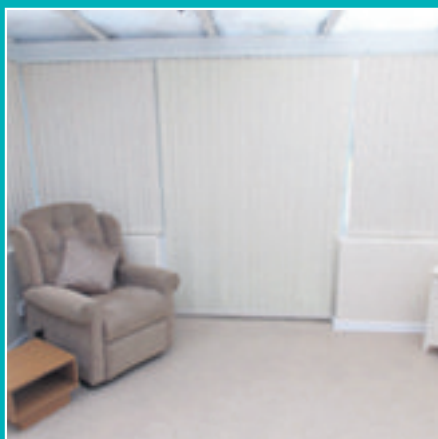
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## High water, higher ideas on flooding

MARTIN Terry might welcome the report on the terrible flooding of 2013 and 2014, that hit so many people in South East Essex, but as a concerned neighbour of those affected, a resident still paying off £10,000 debt from repair work and Green Party candidate for Rayleigh and Wickford, I am at best dismayed and on behalf of residents still living with the damage across south east Essex.

Before the last local election Martin Terry chased around after us, promising the world. He now stays in bed instead of turning up to meet with concerned and worried residents.

The report is said to state that many factors were involved with the flooding. That is true, but one rather misleading factor that was stated, was that of high tides. There is never an issue with high tides except when the drains are not maintained for several years which is what caused a backlog of silt entering the drain through broken valves at the sea end of the storm drain.

At high tide these are supposed to close, but due to zero maintenance one was lodged open and the other shut. That coupled with pipes which were not able to cope with the capacity of water on a normal day with no rain, just burst

open in the storms.

Martin Terry is using this new grant as if it going to help those that were effected. Since Anglian Water has expressly insisted that its drains are fit for purpose, then there should surely be no need for further grants to be paid out from taxpayers' money to help residents resist further flooding.

The grant doesn't cover damage already done to our properties. What it highlights further is how hand in hand our councillors are with big corporate business and unwilling to help residents in real times of need, unless there is a photo opportunity a few weeks prior to an election, councillors beware!

We are now watching you and remember your indifference.

**Sarah Yapp**  
Southend On Sea

## On the dark side of the street

I REMEMBER when you would get stopped at night by the police for having a faulty light on the vehicle you were driving.

Today how many vehicles do we see at night with a headlight or driving light out, or even both out?

The sister of a friend of my son, while walking along a dark lane was hit and killed by a car which had both nearside headlight and driving lights out, and too late she mistook it

for the single light of a motorbike driving in the middle of the road coming towards her.

With any number of vehicles now being driven with faulty lights and, due to cuts, too few police patrol cars on duty, pedestrian (and other drivers') safety is being put at risk.

And to make things worse, councils see fit to turn off streetlights at midnight to save peanuts.

What a state our country is in!

**Stephen Dewhurst**  
Hadleigh

● ESSEX County Council has decided to delete an hour from the night time curfew giving us a 1am street lighting switch off.

They say it's an adjustment, but they have been introducing this measure for a couple of years now and have decided to do this just before the general election.

I don't believe this will make much difference to this election but it may well effect the outcome of the next Essex County Council elections if they don't scrap this crazy idea.

**Alan James**  
Hockley

## Derision is not the way to do it

I DO take exception to Cllr Blackwell's derision of Cllr Hurrell's decision not to resign

from Castle Point Borough Council.

Although I do have a problem with councillors not behaving as they should, clearly it is matter for the individual conscience, as so eloquently expressed by Cllr Blackwell himself in 2004.

Having been elected as a Labour councillor, he then decided to represent the then Canvey Island Independence Party without first resigning from the council.

However, maybe to decide to shelter behind the skirts of UKIP perhaps shows an even greater lack of conscience.

**Brian Wilson**  
Benfleet

## Pier a better bet for local love

I READ with interest the article 'Essex MPs put love into local', but I am a little upset with my local MP, James Duddridge's choice of Rollacility, Rochford.

I am sure it's a great activity. However, the venue is limited to only a small percentage of people it would interest, whereas Southend's longest

pier in the world is accessible to everyone and we should promote this at all times.

**Mrs M L Hamilton**  
Southchurch

## Fight to protect woodland

RESIDENTS of Downer Road North are entertained by two families fighting for ownership of land that the council's chief planning officer states will never be built on.

Both of the land grabbing families have put up fences that have been taken down, probably by the other side and the residents sit back and laugh at their comical activities. While one family has registered the land in an attempt to claim it the other family clear the woodland in preparation for development that will never happen.

The residents are asking for further protection to this green belt woodland which already has a Tree Preservation Order but so far the council has been unhelpful.

It is hoped that with the help of some councillors and many local residents the woodland

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**Keith Totts**  
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The property offers spacious family living accommodation with no expense spared.

As soon as you open the front door you know you are walking into a luxury family home that oozes warmth, comfort & quality.

The floors throughout are either solid oak or ceramic tiled with underfloor heating. There are also solid oak doors with heavy chrome furnishings, a beautiful hand carved oak turned stairwell leading to a spacious gallery landing with oak doors to the communicating rooms.

The family kitchen diner is again hand made with quality units incorporating integrated miele appliances including, oven with steamer, warmer draw, 5 ring sensor hob with extractor above, microwave with grill & 2 Fisher & Paykel pull out dishwashers.

The focal point of the kitchen is the centre 2 tier island made of granite with a smoked crackle circular breakfast bar with stools at one end. Incorporated in the granite is a 1½ bowl sink with mixer taps and a separate instant boiled water tap system.

In the dining area there are bi folding doors that open the full width of the room leading directly onto the south backing garden. There is a glass apex roof with electronic sensors that opens the roof when a certain temperature is reached and then closes again with a rain sensor.

The lounge at the rear has been tastefully decorated with inset ceiling lights and doors

again leading to the rear garden.

To complete the ground floor is a study, a spacious family room to the front which is currently being used as a games room.

Off the handmade galleried landing are 4 large double bedrooms some with built in wardrobes, dressing rooms & en-suites.

The bathroom and en-suites again have been bespoke made to an extremely high standard with lots of hidden extras.

The property itself stands on much larger than average grounds with a south backing garden being approx 70' deep and approx 70' wide. The property lends itself to someone who works from home who needs to park several vehicles as there is double gates at side ideal for vans, trailers or even for leisure purpose ie: caravan or boat.

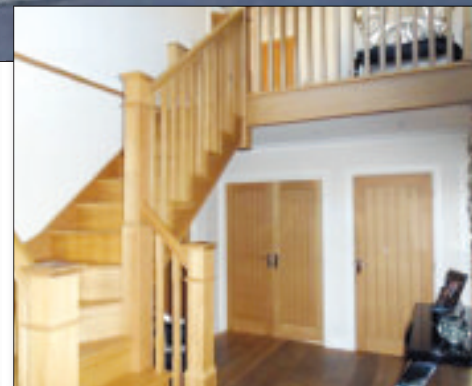
There is also a full double integral garage with twin doors, power and lighting and internal door to the main hallway.

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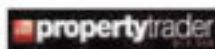
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NEW INSTRUCTION

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## Rochford

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£265,000



PRICE REDUCTION

Situated within a quarter of a mile of Rayleigh mainline Railway Station this three bedroom semi detached house benefits from a 100ft rear garden, off street parking for several vehicles and a detached garage. NO ONWARD CHAIN.

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## Rayleigh

£320,000



SOLD STC IN 24HOURS

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## Rayleigh

£345,000



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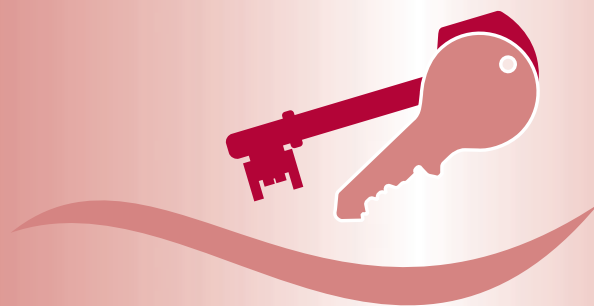




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The point I'm making here is that there is a whole world of difference between wants and needs. Yes, there have been times when the property market was so crazy that people could move house every few months if they wanted to. But ultimately, that's not good for anyone.

Far better if people move house when they actually need to. That way, they put their existing property on the market at more or



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less the right asking price, agree a sale – and then cut their buying cloth accordingly. With such sales, fall-throughs tend to be rare, because the seller is genuinely committed to moving house, rather than just being on the market "to see what happens." As a result, conversations between client and agent tend to be positive ones about how best to make the sale happen.

Of course, once a sale has been agreed, effective communication between agent and solicitor also comes into play. Good agents, for example, don't waste the solicitor's time with spurious calls and insufficient information – but they do communicate! Over the years, one of my biggest bugbears has been the agent further along the sales chain telling me "not to worry, it's all going fine" – when in fact they don't have a clue what is going on, because they don't communicate meaningfully with any of the parties involved. All too often, sales can founder due to this kind of lack of transparency in chains.

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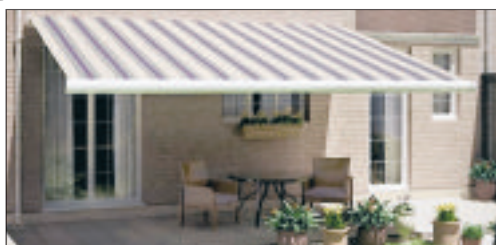
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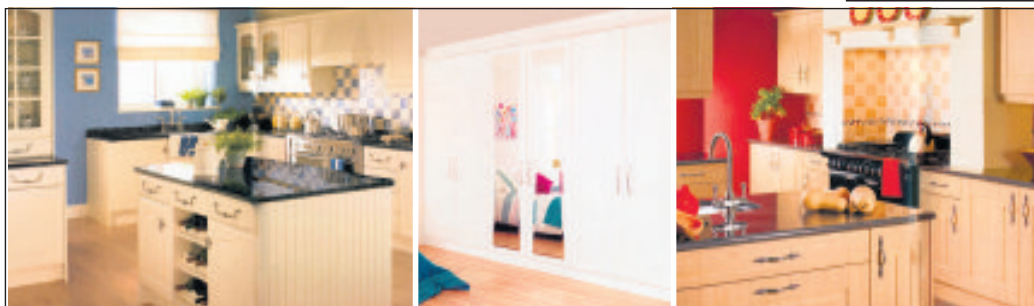
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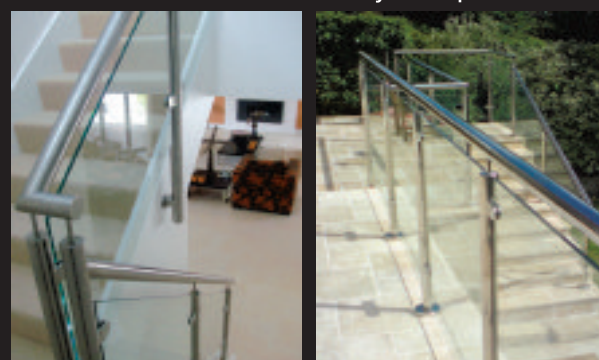
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ATMOSPHERIC: Tony Cornish, who plays John Merrick, at Brentwood's former Warley Hospital site

## ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

By **PAT HIGGINS**

AN INVENTIVE new production of The Elephant Man, the true story of terribly deformed Londoner John Merrick awaits audiences at Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch.

Bernard Pomerance's Tony award-winning play has been adapted by the theatre's critically-acclaimed associate director Simon Jessop, to work on different levels, combining poetry, music and film with drama.

It is performed by the theatre's own award-winning company, cut to the chase... with "100 per cent commitment", according to Simon.

There are only seven members in the cast taking more than one role each – as Pomerance wrote it, Simon explained.

This production relies on the psychological impact of Merrick's terrible deformities rather than his physical appearance.

"The author made clear there was to be no hideous make-up or prosthetics used, the illusion relies on the audience's imagination, kindled by the characters on stage," said Simon, who has several outstanding productions at the theatre under his belt including the Great Gatsby and Deadly Murder.

"We splice some film into the play, which I think is exciting and hopefully appeals to younger audiences too. I am a fan of mixing cinematography into stage performance."

"When Merrick dies, we flash back over the key points of his life in a film montage, which is very dramatic," he added.

"We also show some shots of the actual John Merrick during a lecture at the London Hospital."

The play is underscored by music written specially by Steven Markwick, and performed live on stage by the actors. It is like background music in a film.

The play portrays the inspirational true story of the famous 19th century Londoner John Merrick – young, intelligent but famously known as The Elephant Man because of his terrible physical deformities.

Despite his intelligence and gentleness, Merrick's shocking appearance means he is shunned by the community and forced to scrape a living as a side-show freak attraction – until even this cruel industry leaves him abandoned and helpless.

Then one day he is taken in by the celebrated doctor Frederick Treves and admitted to the prestigious London Hospital, Whitechapel.

Merrick's confidence blossoms with Treves' kindness and care, and he is eventually introduced to Victorian society.

He slowly evolves from an object of pity to an urbane, witty favourite of the aristocracy and literati – but does Merrick achieve his ultimate dream? Can people see beyond his monstrous facade and get to know the person within?

It is a compelling account of one man's heroic battle for dignity, acceptance and friendship.

As a scene setter for the production, atmospheric promotional shots of Tony Cornish – who plays John Merrick – in Victorian dress, were taken at various sites in Brentwood's Warley Hospital a former psychiatric institution, built in the 1850s – now redeveloped as a residential area.

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**Keanu Reeves as  
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### JOHN WICK (15, 101 mins)

**T**HE death of a cherished pet propels a retired hitman to the brink of murderous insanity in Chad Stahelski's blood-soaked action thriller.

Laced with macabre humour and punctuated by balletic fight sequences, *John Wick* embraces comedy and tragedy as its eponymous hero exacts eye-watering revenge for the slaying of a beloved beagle.

Keanu Reeves delivers one of his most compelling performances since *The Matrix Trilogy* in the title role, not that Derek Kolstad's script asks a great deal of him.

The actor's restricted repertoire of facial expressions fits perfectly with his assassin's grit and determination despite overwhelming odds, and Reeves is well-equipped for the physical demands of breathless hand-to-hand combat and running gun battles.

A shootout in a club is particularly thrilling and screenwriter Kolstad repeatedly stokes the myth of his protagonist, like when one crime syndicate boss whispers, "I once saw him kill three men

in a bar with a pencil".

Hit man John Wick (Reeves) holsters his weapons for good to marry his wife Helen (Bridget Moynahan).

Shortly after terminal illness upends the fairy tale, John receives a present from his wife: an adorable beagle puppy called Daisy and a note which reads, "I have found my peace, now find yours".

The assassin comes to terms with his loss through his bond with the animal.

One night, Russian playboy Iosef Tarasov (Alfie Allen) and his underlings (Omer Barnea, Toby Leonard Moore) break into John's home, beat him to a pulp and kill Daisy.

This act of senseless brutality fuels John's lust for revenge and he hunts down Iosef, ignoring the fact that his target is the son of powerful mob boss Viggo Tarasov (Michael Nyqvist).

John dismisses Viggo's pleas for leniency so the kingpin puts a \$2million bounty on the hitman's head, piquing the interest of rival killers Marcus (Willem Dafoe) and Ms Perkins (Adrienne Palicki).

Meanwhile, John takes up lodgings at a hotel called the Continental, which caters for assassins and won't allow murder on its premises.

"You dip so much as a pinky back into this pond, you might find something reaches out and drags you back in," warns hotel owner Winston (Ian McShane).

John Wick recognises its strength and plays to them with wry humour, including an eye-catching turn from Lance Reddick as the Continental hotel's obliging concierge, who doesn't bat an eye at blood spatter on his clientele.

The beagle puppy couldn't be cuter and we're completely behind Reeves' grief-stricken owner as he razes entire establishments in honour of his fallen four-legged friend.

Director Stahelski, who is a stunt co-ordinator by trade, is understandably more comfortable with flying fists than zinging dialogue.

However, he sustains dramatic momentum well and builds all of the wanton slaughter to a suitable grand resolution.

**Released: April 10  
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## Stage

### Elephant Man comes to Hornchurch

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"Much of the story of *Elephant Man* takes place in the London Hospital, in the 1880s, so we felt Warley Hospital's Gothic architecture would be the perfect back drop for this intensely powerful piece of theatre," said Karen Chivers the theatre's head of marketing.

The *Elephant Man* features actor-musicians James Earl Adair, Ellie Rose Boswell, Fred Broom, Tom Cornish, Joanna Hickman, Megan Leigh Mason and Stuart Organ.

Set and costume design is by Mark Walters, musical composition and direction by Steven Markwick, lighting design by Matt Eagland, sound design by Nik Dudley and visual effects design by Dan Crews.

The *Elephant Man* runs at the Queen's Theatre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch, from April 17-May 9.

Tickets cost £12.50-£26.50. Call the Box Office on 01708 443333 or book online at [queens-theatre.co.uk](http://queens-theatre.co.uk)



# Liz at Large

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about with her boys



## Rolls up, rolls up for all fun of the past

**S**EE everything from a Green Goddess to an 1898 Holden – one of the first motorbikes ever produced – at Whitewebbs Museum of Transport.

The museum, housed in a Victorian pumping station and surrounding buildings in Whitewebbs Lane, Enfield, is packed with everything from cars and motorbikes, to bicycles and even a model railway.

It is owned and operated by the Enfield and District Veteran Vehicle Trust, a registered charity which bought the near-derelict pumping station in 1986. They transformed the building, which used to be home to two steam engines and boilers that pumped millions of litres of water from the well below the building, by installing several floors and staircases.

Today the pumping station, which was built in 1898 and is believed to have fallen into disuse soon after the end of the Second World War, is now packed with vintage vehicles as well as toys from yester year over its four floors.

Its ground floor houses classic vehicles from a Rolls Royce to an Austin 7 van, while the first floor is dedicated to a motorbike collection, including post war British bikes and that rare 1898 Holden.

The next level features pedal bicycles, toys and a mock-up of a bike shop, while the top floor, which is still home to the pump house's original engine room crane, also houses a vast collection of model vehicles as well as old cameras, typewriters and Second World War exhibits.

Outside in the museum's yard you will find the vehicle hall and fire station which house some of the collection's larger vehicles including its Green Goddess fire engine, several Morris Commercial from the 1930s, a Belsize fire appliance dating from 1912 and a horse-drawn, steam driven Shand Mason pump from 1896.

There's also an auto jumble shop, where you can find parts for a range of classic cars and motorbikes, an exhibition displaying everything from days gone by, workshop bays where the museum's volunteers carry out maintenance on their vehicles, and a stationary engine room which houses a large Crossley engine that is fired up on special event days.

If you have children in tow then



**WHEELY WORTH A VISIT:** Collection of greats at Whitewebbs Museum of Transport in Enfield

don't forget to visit the model railway display, housed in a 1961 railway carriage, and make the most of the museum's large outside picnic area. Alternatively, grab a bite to eat in the cafe on the first floor of the pumping station, where you can purchase snacks or drinks and chat to the museum's volunteers.

Up-and-coming events at the museum, which is open every

Tuesday between 10am and 4pm and most last Sundays of each month, include an open day and Ford Day on April 26; an open day on May 31; a classic bike show and jumble on June 28; open day with a visit from The Wheelie Happy Family Classic Car Crew on July 26; a model railway exhibition on September 26; an open day featuring Lone Star toys and Dinky toys

on September 27; an antique and collectors' fair on October 18 (museum closed); open days on October 25 and November 29; and a Christmas/New Year autojumble on January 3, 2016.

● For further information about Whitewebbs Museum of Transport in Enfield, which is within easy reach of Junction 25 of the M25, visit [www.whitewebbsmuseum.co.uk](http://www.whitewebbsmuseum.co.uk)

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# what's on

■ Tea Dance – Ashington Memorial Hall, Ashington Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm. 01702 584575.  
■ Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library) 8.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.  
■ Ladies Fellowship – Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.  
■ The Puffers Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.  
■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryers Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.  
■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.  
■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, Yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: Noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30. 01268 465854.  
■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.  
■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.  
■ New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.  
■ Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.  
■ Carpet Bowls – Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 1.45-3.45pm, no experience necessary, £2 per session, joining fee £5, first session free.  
■ Bingo and Hoi – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.  
■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencep) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.  
■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/525141/340617.  
■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.  
■ Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre,

Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.  
■ Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoeburyness, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to five. 01702 577656.

## Wednesday, April 15

■ Southend Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group – Nazareth House, London Road, Southend, 1.30-4.30pm, 01702 312959.  
■ Transmission Meditation Workshop – Helliwell Room, Southend Library, 10-11.30am, admission free, 01702 331609.  
■ Southend District Pensioners Campaign – 1.45-3.45pm, Avenue Baptist Church, Milton Road Westcliff-on-Sea, SS0 7JX. General Election hustings. 01702 341047.  
■ Pregnancy Yoga Class – Westwood Primary School, Hadleigh, 8-9pm. £6 per session. Details Linda 01702 552260.  
■ Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Ave, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.  
■ Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.  
■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh – 1.30-3pm. Cailey Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.  
■ Leigh Singles Social Club – 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. www.leighsingles.co.uk for details.  
■ Activity Session for children with special needs, aged five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.  
■ Graham's Social Tea Dance – Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, Benfleet. Ballroom, Latin and sequence dances for all abilities, 2-4.25pm, free car park, strictly over-18s, £4 per person. 01268 752473.  
■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, sit down keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.  
■ Barn Dance – Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.  
■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, details Olive 01702 625069.  
■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all-weather green, free coaching given,

call Chris 01268 419831.  
■ Breathing Exercise Group – run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished pulmonary rehabilitation, call Honore 01268 574390.  
■ Social afternoon of ballroom and Latin dancing – Mill Hall, Rayleigh, 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob. 01702 544112.  
■ Health Walk – Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, details 01702 318121.  
■ Alanon, International/Worldwide Support Group – for families, friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, 7.30pm, (non-denominational).  
■ Pulse Drum Club – St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 3.45pm-4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.  
■ Over-50s session – Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Badminton and short mat bowls 2-4pm, £3.50 inc refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 773100.  
■ Activity sessions – The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, for children with special needs aged five to 18, free entry, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.  
■ Palace Writers Group – 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings, details Emily 01702 390472.  
■ Roche Art Group – St Teresa's Church Hall, behind the church, 109 Ashington Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, details Gill 01702 421737.  
■ Advanced Computer Course – Pitsea Day Centre, over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.  
■ Duplicate Bridge – Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, 7.30pm, details Hilary 01702 712501.  
■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.  
■ Brentwood Buddies – new social club for ages 40-60, The Essex Arms, Warley Hill, Brentwood 8pm. Contact Julie 07969071392 text or phone before turning up.

## Thursday, April 16

■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.  
■ Thundersley Gardening Association – 7.45pm, Swans Green Hall, Hart Road, Thundersley, please bring exhibits, £3.  
■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon,

for the over-50s. Line Dancing: 1-2pm, computer £3: 1-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, bridge 9.30am-12.30pm, ceramics, 1.30-3pm. £2, 01268 465854.  
■ Health Walk – Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods car park, details 01702 318121.  
■ Jive classes – Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507.  
■ Buddies Over-50s Singles Club – Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm, details Dee, 01268 565045.  
■ Westcliff National Spiritualist Church – Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, 7.30pm.  
■ Pottery – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.  
■ Coffee, cake and chat – WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 2pm, details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.  
■ Stalls in outpatients dept – next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, hand knits etc, 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Key Hole Cancer Appeal.  
■ Tea Dance – St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4.15pm. 01268 770112.  
■ Ceramics – The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.  
■ Short Mat Bowls – Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, 7.30pm, first three weeks free, details 01277 625027.  
■ Clairvoyance – Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, 8-10pm, free healing, admission £3. 01702 476087.  
■ Healing – The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, 10-11.30am.  
■ Billerica Baby Cafe – Community Church, Queens Park – Billerica, for breastfeeding mums, 12.30pm.  
■ Learn to paint in watercolours – Hadleigh, with tutor Trevor Shaw. Call 01702 558282.

## Friday, April 17

■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.  
■ Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group – 8pm, Nevenden Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. Colin, 07446 080054.

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# Drivetime

## Ford's singing the RS blues

By Mike Torpey

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This is the first ever Ford RS vehicle to be sold in America and will be offered in markets all over the world, including the UK where deliveries will start early next year.

One of 12 new performance vehicles the company will bring to customers globally by 2020 in a new era of Ford performance, the Focus RS features a specially engineered 2.3-litre EcoBoost engine and all-wheel drive.

Ford says the system, with Dynamic Torque Vectoring, will deliver a new level of handling capability and driver enjoyment, while the engine is similar to the four-cylinder unit in the new Mustang.

This engine has, however, been significantly upgraded through a package of design changes to deliver a projected output in excess of 320PS.

It is also the first Ford RS equipped with selectable Drive Modes – including an industry-first Drift Mode that allows controlled oversteer drifts – and Launch Control.

Style-wise the Focus looks both more muscular and powerful and will be up for grabs in a choice of colours including the new Nitrous Blue, along with Shadow Black, Magnetic Grey and Frozen White.

Developed by a small team of Ford performance engineers in Europe and the US, the car is the third generation of Focus RS models, following versions launched in 2002 and 2009.

Ford vice-president for global product development Raj Nair said:

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# **Motoring** News

## **Ferrari scores a hat-trick**



HEAD-TURNER: The Ferrari California T

By Mike Torpey

FERRARI has scored a hat-trick at the prestigious Red Dot Awards, the world's leading product design competition.

The Italian brand's FXX-K has been named Best of the Best for its design quality and ground-breaking design, while both the California T and LaFerrari were also singled out for the quality of their design.

And the work of the Ferrari Style Centre headed by Flavio Manzoni was selected by an international jury made up of designers, design professors and specialist journalists from 25 countries.

Awards also went to Volkswagen for its

new Passat, Passat Estate and Golf SV models, while the VW-owned Skoda brand also received a Red Dot for its new generation Fabia supermini.

Three models from Korean company Hyundai were also honoured – the new generation i20 and coupe and five-door variants and the latest Sonata – and sister brand Kia picked up awards for the Soul EV electric car and new Sorento SUV.

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## BLUES DOUBLE SEES OFF STAGS

### Southend United

Southend United 2  
Mansfield Town 0

**By Rowland Lyons at Roots Hall**  
SOUTHEND enjoyed Good Friday success with a comfortable win over struggling Mansfield. Barry Corr and Will Atkinson were on target to keep up the pressure on the automatic promotion spots.

A scrappy start saw the centre-half curse hit the home side when Adam Thompson was forced into having his dislocated right shoulder popped back in place by the physio, but was soon replaced by Cian Bolger, after only 11 minutes.

But the Blues got into the groove on 21 minutes when Michael Timlin dispossessed Chris Clements and picked out Corr – who crashed home his 13th league strike of the season with a close range effort.

It only took another seven minutes for Atkinson to double Southend's lead when an unsighted Lenny Pidgeley could only parry Ryan Leonard's snap shot and the former Bradford winger reacted quickest and netted his first goal for the club from close range.

Mansfield rarely threatened before the break and Vadaine Oliver volleyed their best chance over following a corner. Southend kept up the pressure and Pidgeley saved well from Leonard, before Corr could only stand on the ball when six yards out from a poor Simon Heslop back pass.

Top scorer Corr should have put the game out of sight soon after the turnaround, but crashed a John White diagonal pass inches over the outstretched Pidgeley's bar.

That miss proved only academic, as Southend – with the rejuvenated Adam Barrett superbly marshalling the defence – held out, despite having to endure sustained Stags pressure.



**SAVE:** Southend United's Daniel Bentley at full stretch

Photo by Dave Montier

sure. The visitors came closest when Daniel Bentley was forced into tipping Oliver's 65th minute header onto his own bar, to leave a happy Blues boss Phil Brown saying: "I'm delighted to tell you the truth. Energy levels had disappeared after playing six minutes at Bury last week. It was about getting that fine balance between how much energy we expended on the training ground, during the week, and the match today.

"I thought in the first half we were worthy to be two-nil up. But, we lacked that ruthlessness to kill a team off when Barry Corr missed that chance after half-time.

"At three-nil, you can start making changes. But, I thought it was a comfortable two-nil – although they did throw things at us in the closing stages."

Brown warned: "The supporters need to realise it is tight at the top of

the table and there is pressure on players and on teams where they want to get to. We are 10 points better off than at this stage last year and if we emulate this, we will be in the eighties [points mark]. I'm sure that [this win] has put a marker down.

"The best thing about this afternoon was keeping a clean sheet – our 13th at home this season – and it just shows what a fortress Roots Hall has become.

"Their striker, Rhead, probably caused us more problems when he came on. But, at the same time Adam Barrett has got that clean sheet mentality.

"Cian Bolger came off the bench with a point to prove for the last 75 minutes – and he did that."

Mansfield boss Adam Murray said: "We had chances in the second half, but we came up short. But, we got punished for two errors. But, the story of our season has been not taking

advantage when we've been on top."

Bolger said: "It was important getting back to winning ways. It was a long trip to Bury and we're just glad to get the three points today."

The former Leicester stopper admitted: "Thommo was unlucky to pop his shoulder. But, it's good to play alongside Adam Barrett as he's got a lot of experience – it's nice to learn off him.

"It was a hard, physical game and good to keep a clean sheet."

**Southend United:** Daniel Bentley, John White (captain), Adam Thompson (Cian Bolger 11), Adam Barrett, Ben Coker, Stephen McLaughlin (Myles Weston 87), Michael Timlin, Ryan Leonard, Will Atkinson, Joe Pigott (Jake Cassidy 67), Barry Corr. Subs (not used): Ted Smith; Gary Deegan, Jack Payne, Jerome Binnom-Williams.

**Mansfield Town:** Lenny Pidgeley, Lee Beevers (Ryan Tafazolli 90), Ritchie Sutton, Martin Riley, Callum Elder, Reggie Lambe, Chris Clements, Ricky Ravenhill (captain), Simon Heslop (Rakish Bingham 60), Terry Hawridge, Vadaine Oliver (Matt Rhead 73). Subs (not used): Sacha Studer; Alex Fisher, Jamie McGuire, Jack Thomas.

**Attendance:** 5,925.

### Non-league round-up

## Sherwin hits a hat-trick

By Brian Jeeves

FIVE-STAR Brentwood Town took the plaudits in Ryman League One North with a resounding 5-0 away victory over hapless Romford. Stanley Sherwin claimed an impressive hat-trick, while Thomas Richardson and Samuel Bantick also netted.

Aveley were also in goalscoring form, hitting four without reply past rock bottom Burnham Ramblers. Billy Holland, Arian Retkoceri, Liam Nash and Spencer Harrison were all on target for the Millers.

Great Woking Rovers picked up a vital point from a goalless encounter at Cheshunt, and there was a 1-1 draw between Tilbury and Ware. Francis Babalola finding the net for the Dockers.

Maldon & Tiptree went down to George Benner's goal on the hour at Thamesmead Town, and there were heavy defeats for Redbridge, 5-1 at home to Brightlingsea Regent, and Barkingside, by the same score at rampant AFC Sudbury. Calvin Poku grabbed 'Side's consolation.

It was a difficult afternoon for our Ryman Premier Division teams. Billericay Town grabbed a point from a 1-1 draw with Hampton & Richmond Borough at New Lodge, as did Canvey Island, who shared the spoils, thanks to Steven Smith's goal at Kingstonian.

But there were hammerings handed out to East Thurrock United and AFC Hornchurch.

East Thurrock crashed 5-0 at Metropolitan Police, Charlie Collins (2), Jake Reid, Jay Lovett and Joe Turner on target for the home side. While struggling Urchins slumped 4-0 at Tonbridge Angels. Jerome Sobers, Thomas Parkinson, William Medlock and Royce Greenidge compiling the visitors miserable afternoon.

It was a calamitous start to the Easter weekend for the region's Vanarama Conference clubs, with all three slipping to disappointing defeats.

Dan Sparkes was on target for Braintree Town as Lincoln City visited the Miles Smith Stadium in the Premier Division.

However, a brace from Jordan Burrows and a Ben Tomlinson strike ensured the points headed north. Iron manager Alan Devonshire told the club's official website that he was "bitterly disappointed and flummoxed" by his team's performance.

The news was little better in the South Division.

Concord Rangers' run of 13 without defeat proved unlucky as the Beach Boys went down 1-0, thanks to Richard Pacquette's early strike at Eastbourne Borough, while a stoppage time Kevin Amankwaah goal was enough to earn Sutton United the points against Chelmsford City.

In the Essex Senior League there was a meeting of the top two as leaders Haringey Borough thrashed Barking 4-0. Bowers & Pitsea kept up the pressure by beating Ilford 4-0 at Cricklefield Stadium. And there were entertaining encounters at Sporting Bengal United, who saw off Hullbridge Sports 4-2, and Basildon United, where visitors Southend Manor won by the odd goal in five.

In selected action from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League there was a resounding Premier League success for Hanakins Farm who thumped Southminster St Leonards 6-1. In Division One White Ensign saw off Galleywood 2-0 and Basildon Town were among the goals in Division Three, winning 3-0 against Debden Sports.

## Porter shines for Essex in warm-up match

### Cricket

Essex v Surrey  
Brian Jeeves reporting from the  
Essex County Ground

ESSEX County Cricket Club continued their build up for the 2015 season as Surrey visited the Essex County Ground in Chelmsford.

Following last week's mini-series with Middlesex, Essex continued their preparations, with a three-day game played under County Championship regulations.

The hosts included England spinner Monty Panesar in their line-up, while former player Ben Foakes was selected by Surrey.

Jamie Porter was in fine fettle with the ball. The Leytonstone-born youngster impressed the sparse crowd by taking five early

wickets which left the visitors floundering on 34-5. Jason Roy guided struggling Surrey to 79-8 with a quick-fire knock of 31, before being removed by the bowling of David Masters.

Surrey were eventually all out for 111 (28.3 overs). Curran the last man to fall, becoming Porter's sixth victim, lbw for 24.

In response, Essex posted 287. Kishen Velani weighed in with an impressive century.

The 20-year-old all-rounder was eventually out for 103 off the bowling of Stuart Meaker.

Back at the crease, Surrey swiftly made inroads into the Essex attack. Bad light brought day two to an early conclusion with the visitors on 236-3.

Dominic Sibley top scored with an impressive 97 (c Foster b Porter) while Arun Harinath hit 81 (b Porter).

Surrey continued to show improvement with the

bat. Gary Wilson was dismissed on 94 (st Foster b Westley) while Foakes proved to be a thorn in his former employer's side with an unbeaten half-century. The visitors finally finished their allocated overs on 393-6, a lead of 217.

Dan Lawrence (58\*) and Foster (29\*) helped Essex to 177-3 before the teams shook hands on a draw on what had been an extremely useful three days' cricket.

Essex are next in action when Cardiff MCCU visit the Essex County Ground for a three-day match, starting on Sunday at 10.30am.

**Essex:** Tom Westley, Nick Browne, Jaik Mickleburgh, Dan Lawrence, James Foster, Kishen Velani, Greg Smith, Graham Napier, David Masters, Tom Moore, Monty Panesar, Jamie Porter.

**Surrey:** Arun Harinath, Zafar Ansari, Rory Burns, Jason Roy, Gary Wilson, Ben Foakes, Dominic Sibley, Vikram Solanki, Tom Curran, Gareth Batty, Stuart Meaker, Chris Tremlett, Matthew Dunn.



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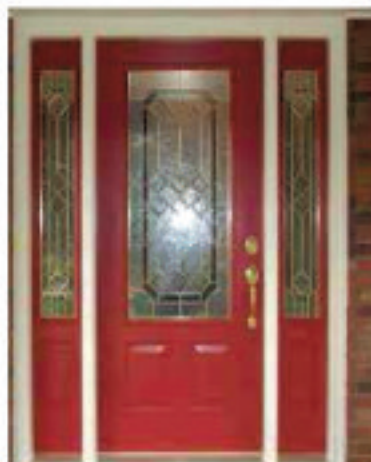
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